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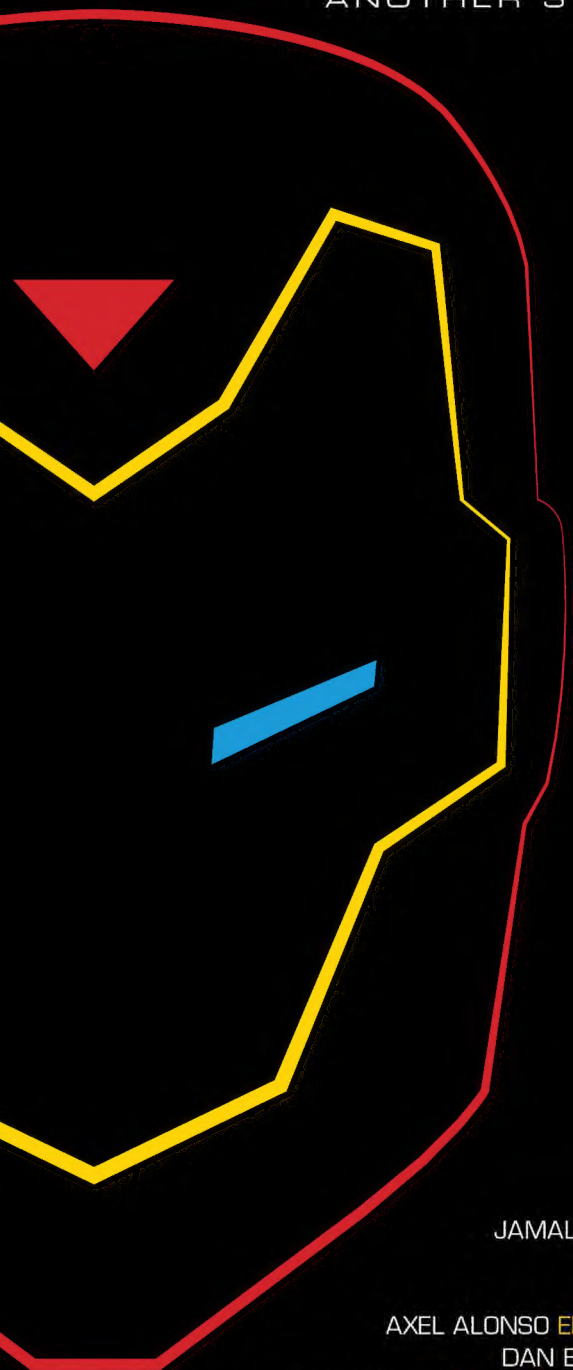


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INVINCIBLE IRON MAN

ANOTHER STARK INNOVATION



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Billionaire playboy and genius industrialist Tony Stark was kidnapped during a routine weapons test. His captors attempted to force him to build a weapon of mass destruction. Instead he created a powered suit of armor that saved his life. From that day on, he used the suit to protect the world as the invincible Avenger **IRON MAN**.

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FRIDAY'S LOG:

RECENTLY COMPLETED AGENDA ITEMS:

- APOLOGIZE TO YOUR INVESTORS FOR FAKING YOUR OWN DEATH TO INFILTRATE A JAPANESE TERRORIST CELL.
- CONVINCE CAPTAIN MARVEL THAT TRYING TO USE THE NEW INHUMAN, ULYSSES, TO PREDICT THE FUTURE AND STOP DISASTERS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN WILL ONLY LEAD TO MORE DEATHS LIKE RHODEY'S. [FAILED]

IN-PROGRESS AGENDA ITEMS:

- FIND OUT WHY YOUR NOT-FRIEND, DOCTOR DOOM, TELEPORTED YOU HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD AGAIN.
 - TRACK DOWN AMARA SO YOU CAN APOLOGIZE FOR FAKING YOUR OWN DEATH.
 - TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT RHODEY'S DEATH BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING STUPID (I STILL DON'T COUNT, TONY).
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I SWEAR
TO GOD I AM
GOING TO PUNCH YOU IN
YOUR SMUG ##@##%##
FACE, DOCTOR
@##@##%##
DOOM!



NO, YOU
WON'T.

DID--DID
YOU JUST
TELEPORT ME
AGAINST MY
WILL?

YES.

I HATE
THAT!

I HATE
IT!



THAT'S
UNDERSTANDABLE,
BUT YOU WERE SITTING
IN THE RUBBLE OF YOUR
TOWER FEELING SORRY FOR
YOURSELF, AND THAT IS
A COMPLETE WASTE
OF TIME.

AND, TO
BE FRANK, IT
IS BENEATH
YOU.

I'M
PROBABLY
YOUR BEST
FRIEND.

WHO
THE HELL DO
YOU THINK YOU
ARE?!



YOU--
YOU'RE
NUTS.

OFFICIALLY.

YOU FELL
ON YOUR METAL
HEAD ONE TOO
MANY TIMES.

WE
ARE NOT
FRIENDS.



BY
DEFINITION,
WE ARE.

NO. NO,
BECAUSE I
HATE YOU.

YOU
DON'T.

OH, MY
GOD!

DO YOU
SEE WHERE
WE ARE?





AMARA...



HOW DID YOU KNOW SHE WAS...?



OH, MY GOD.

DOOM, I SWEAR I HATE YOU MORE NOW THAN WHEN YOU WERE ACTIVELY TRYING TO BLOW UP THE WORLD EVERY OTHER DAY.



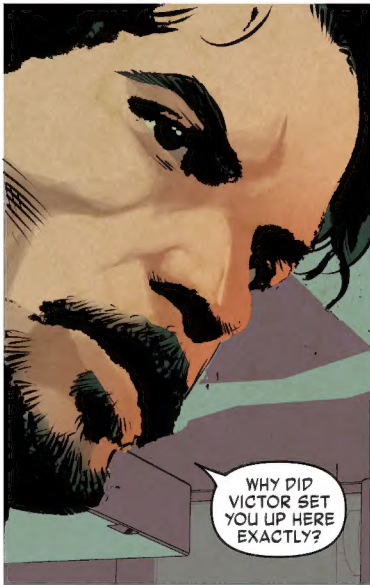
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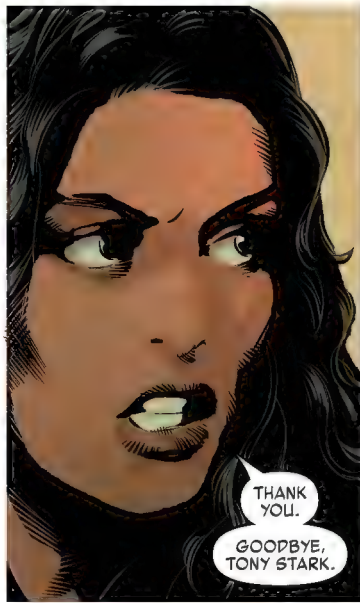
HOW DID YOU FIND ME?

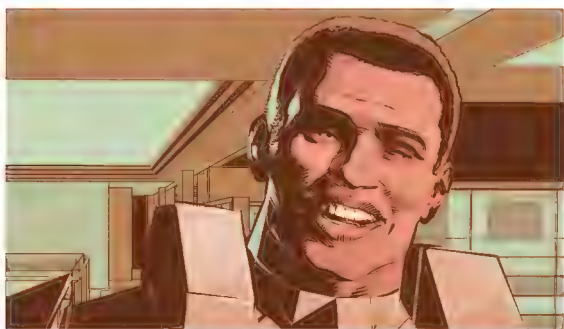
DOCTOR DOOM.

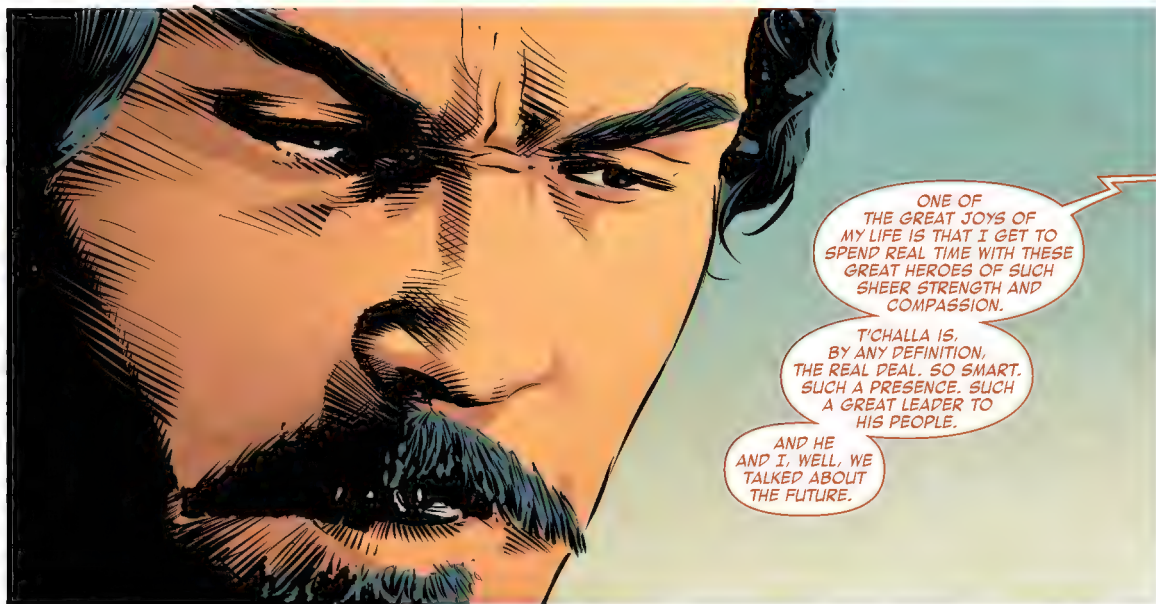
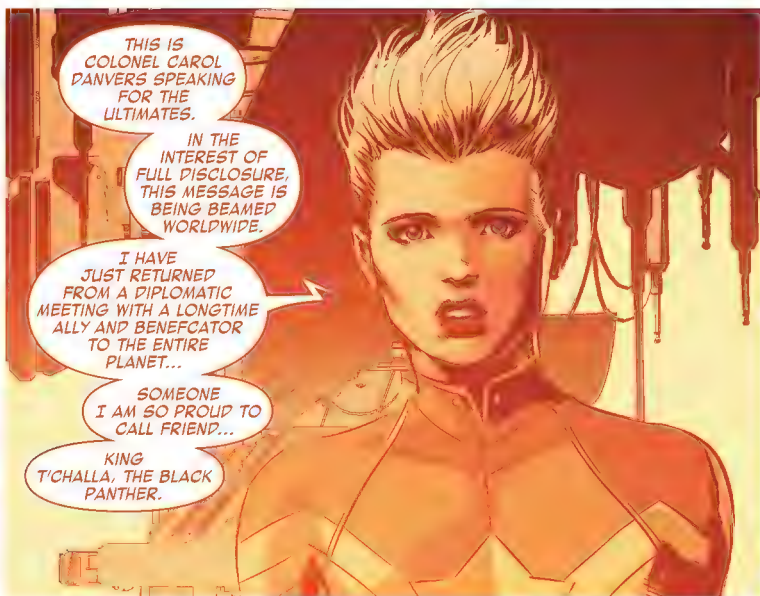
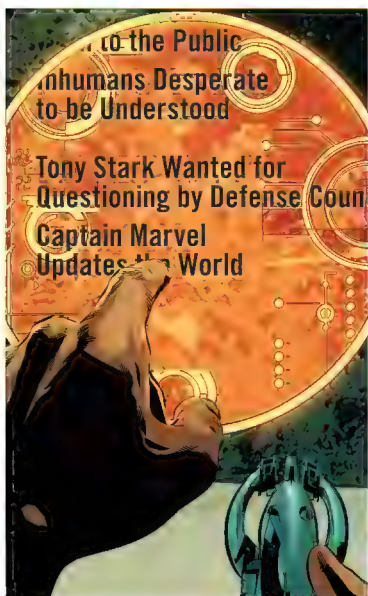
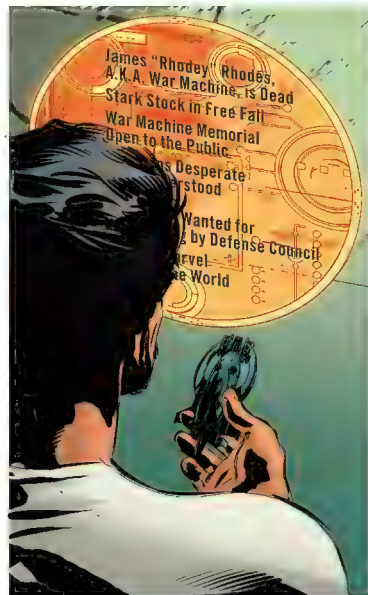


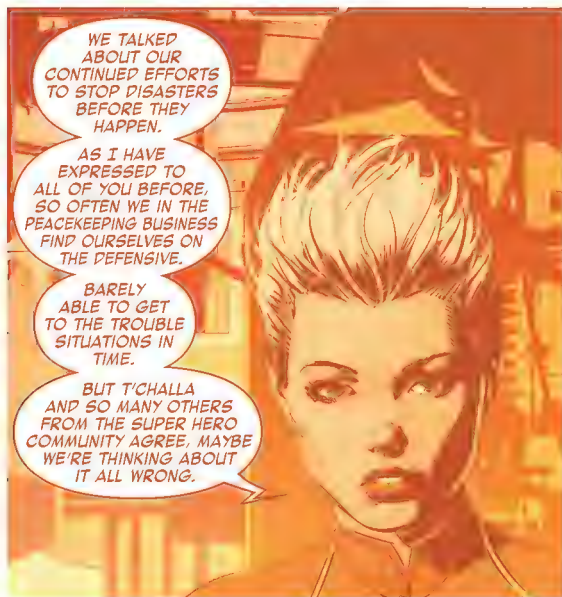










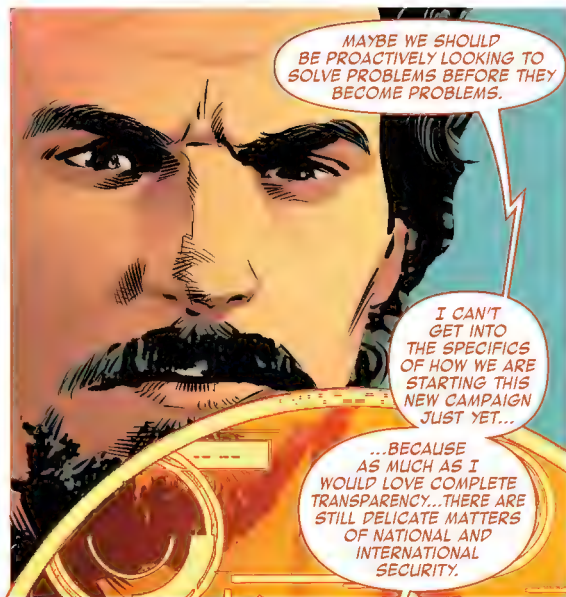


WE TALKED ABOUT OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO STOP DISASTERS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN.

AS I HAVE EXPRESSED TO ALL OF YOU BEFORE, SO OFTEN WE IN THE PEACEKEEPING BUSINESS FIND OURSELVES ON THE DEFENSIVE.

BARELY ABLE TO GET TO THE TROUBLE SITUATIONS IN TIME.

BUT T'CHALLA AND SO MANY OTHERS FROM THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY AGREE, MAYBE WE'RE THINKING ABOUT IT ALL WRONG.



MAYBE WE SHOULD BE PROACTIVELY LOOKING TO SOLVE PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY BECOME PROBLEMS.

I CAN'T GET INTO THE SPECIFICS OF HOW WE ARE STARTING THIS NEW CAMPAIGN JUST YET...

...BECAUSE AS MUCH AS I WOULD LOVE COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY...THERE ARE STILL DELICATE MATTERS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.



BUT I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE VERY EXCITED ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS YOU WILL SEE US DOING IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS TO COME.

AND KNOW THAT EVERY ACTION WE TAKE GOING FORWARD WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE VERY GREAT JAMES RHODES.



A REAL WARRIOR OF PEACE. A TRUE AMERICAN. A TRUE PATRIOT.

AND A GOOD MAN WHO DIED DEFENDING YOUR SAFETY.



TAKE A MINUTE, IF YOU CAN, AND GOOGLE JAMES RHODES.

CHECK OUT HIS INTERVIEW ON FACE THE NATION FROM A COUPLE OF YEARS BACK.

SPEND TIME WITH HIM IN MEMORY OF HIS LONG LIST OF GREAT AND SELFLESS ACHIEVEMENTS ON YOUR BEHALF...



BEEP

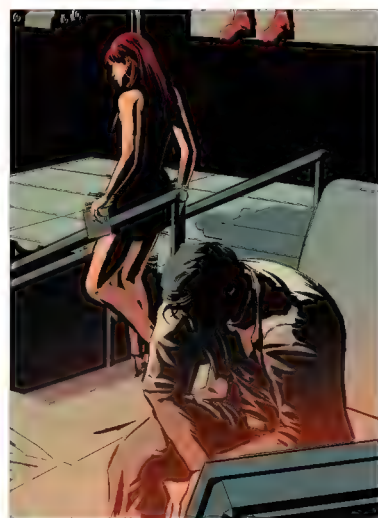
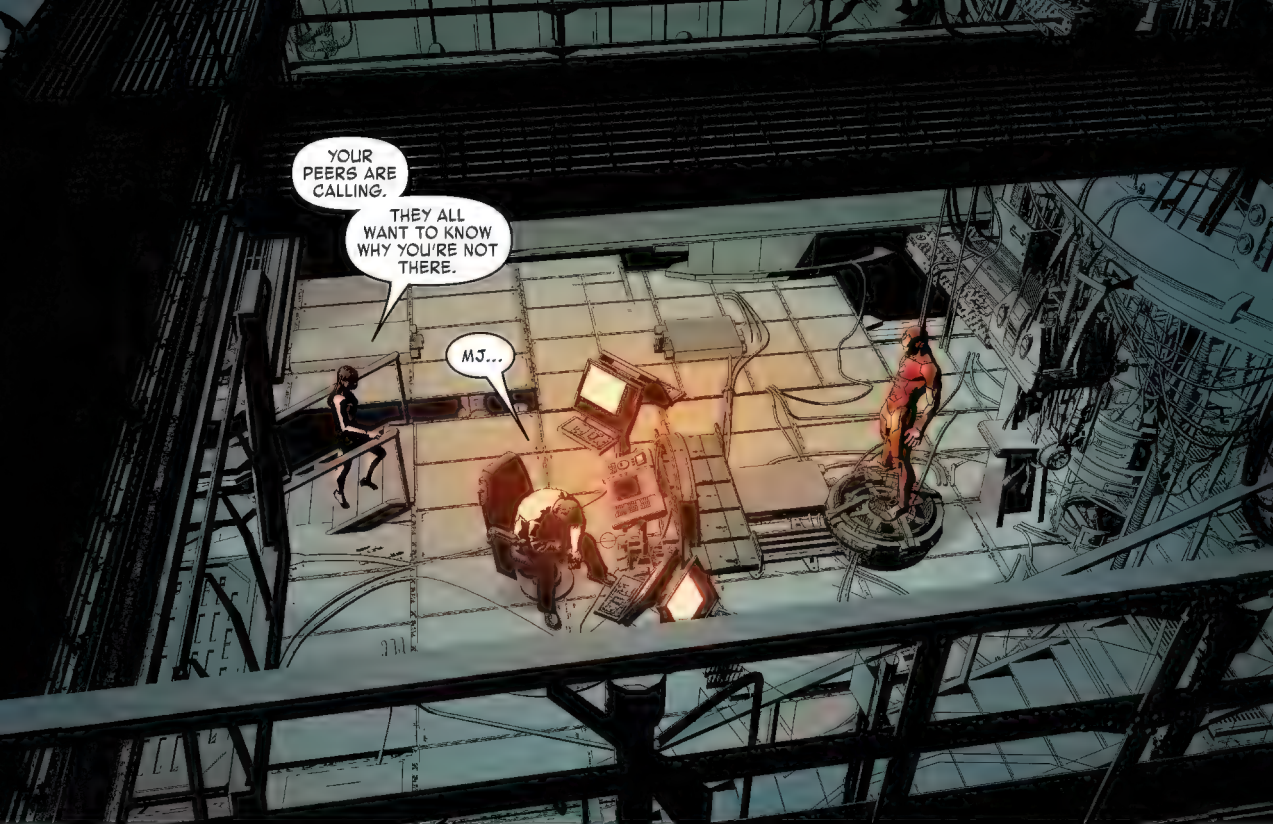


MOTHER BETHEL
A.M.E. CHURCH.
PHILADELPHIA.

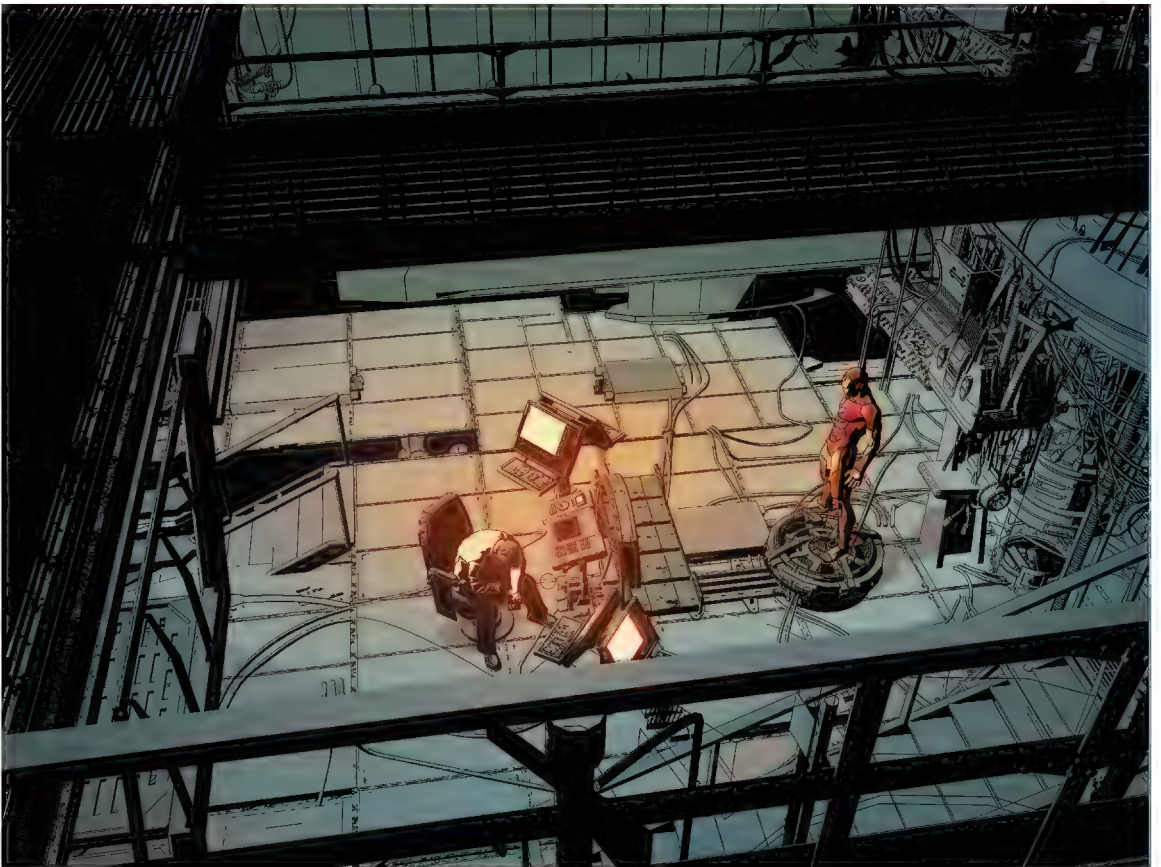
MEMORIAL
SERVICE
FOR JAMES
RHODES.



"THEY'RE
LOOKING
FOR YOU."







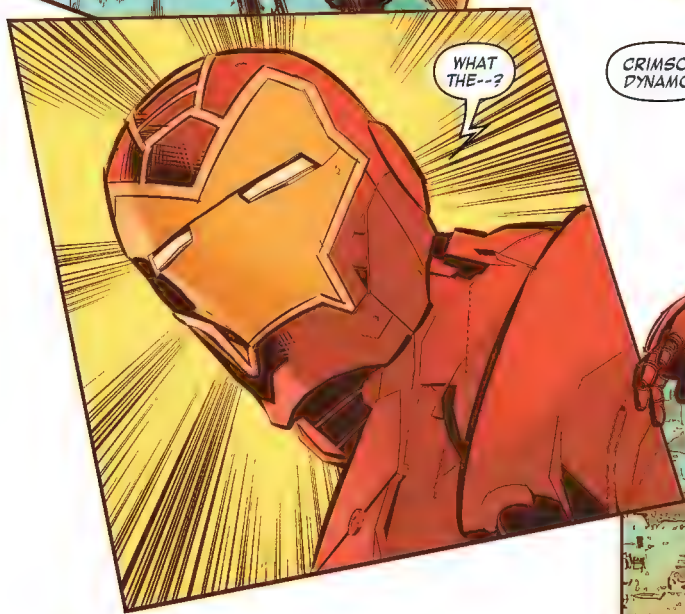


NO. THAT'S MANTIS!

THEN WHO'S THE BALD ONE?

THAT'S MOONDRAGON.

THEN I DON'T KNOW WHO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

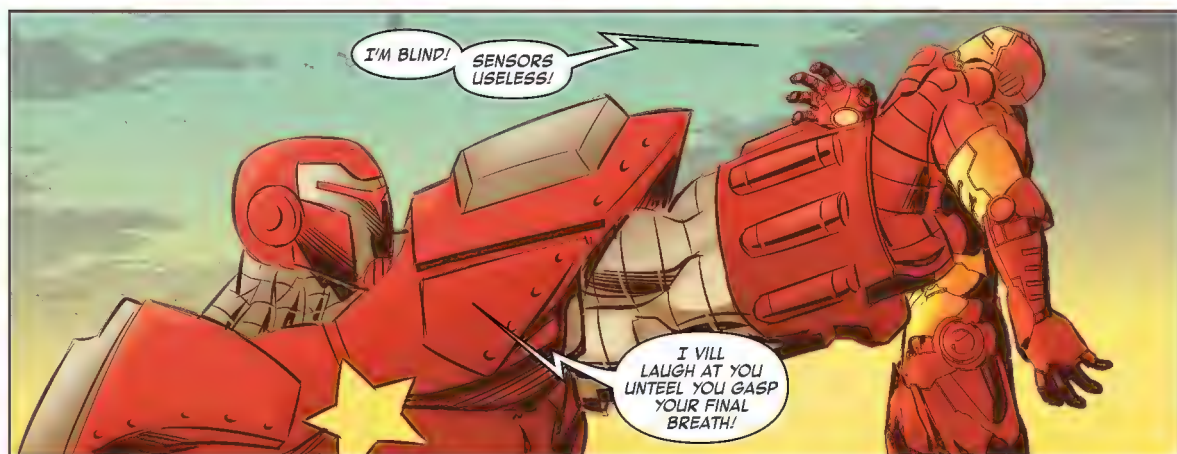


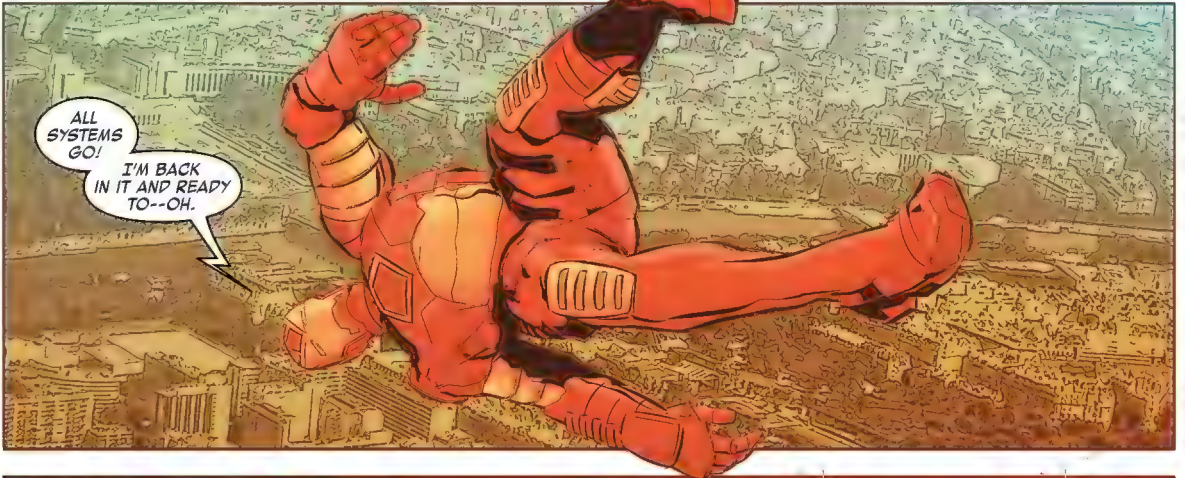
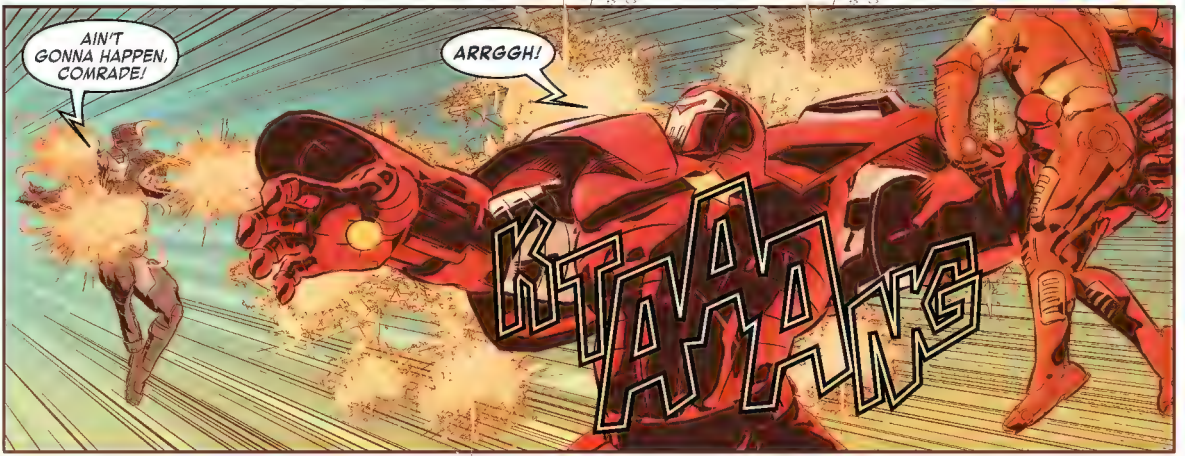
WHAT THE--?

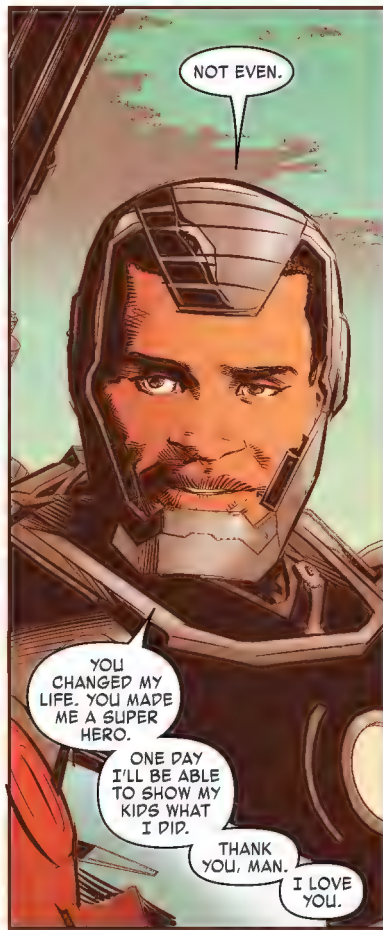


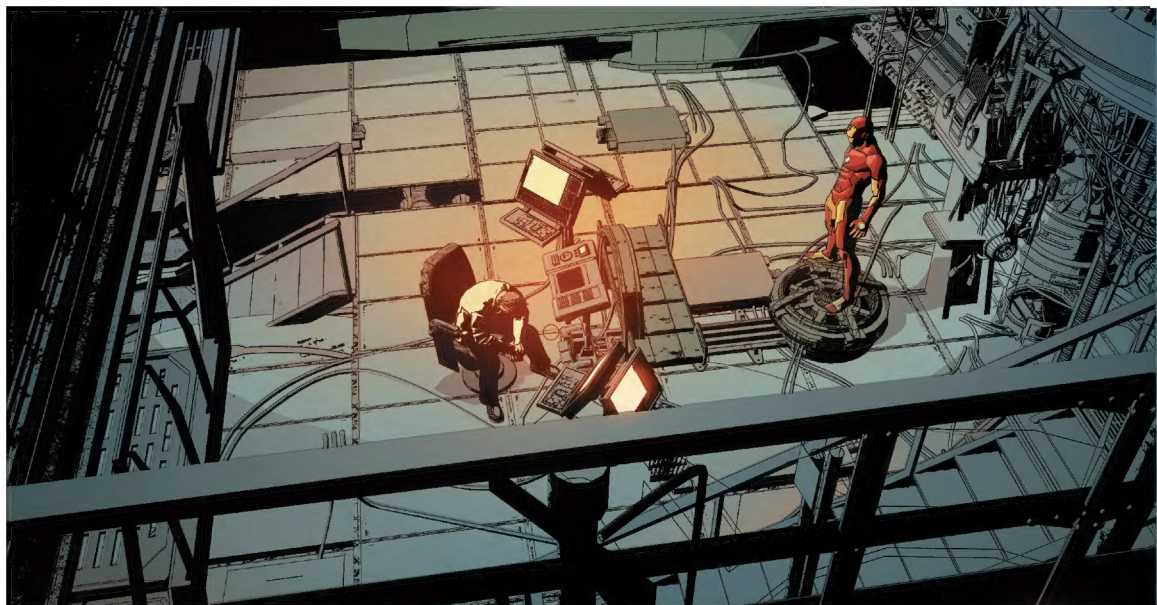
CRIMSON DYNAMO!

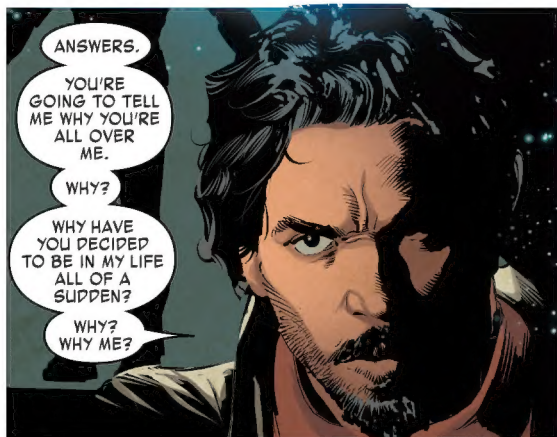
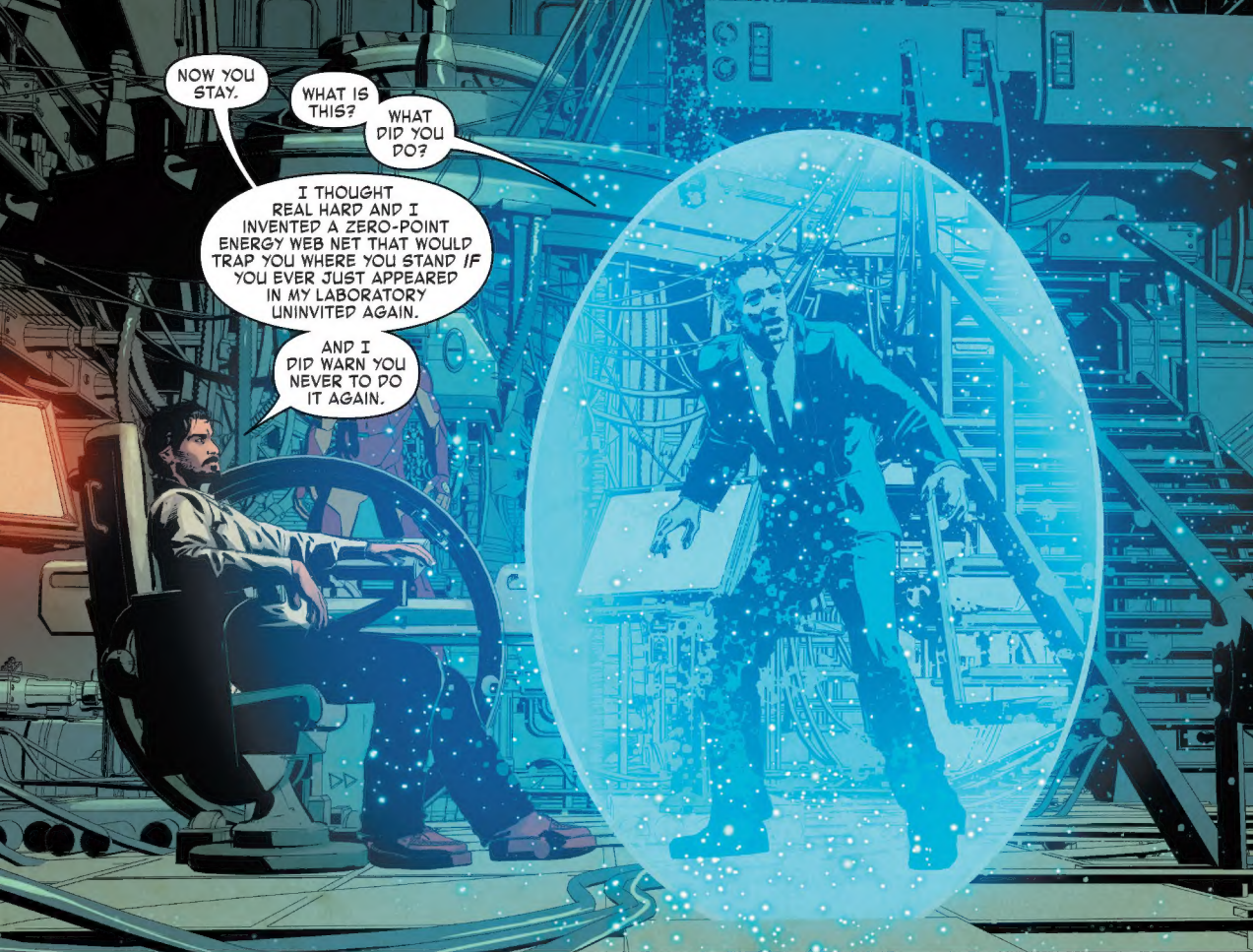
WHEN THEY TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING TO GET ME, I COULD NOT BELIEVE YOU WOULD BE SO STUPID!











SOCK IT TO SHELL-HEAD!

Send letters to **MHEROES@MARVEL.COM** and don't forget to mark them **"OKAY TO PRINT!"**

Welcome back, Shell-Heads! Assistant Editor Alanna Smith here, forsaking at least six other urgent tasks to respond to your marvelous missives. Who needs sleep, right? Let's see what you had to say!

We are Marvel fans from Spain (Barcelona). We have to thank you all for your amazing work. Deodato's Iron Man is really a piece of work! I left you a picture of my Iron Son, Daniel.



Thanks again,
Miguel Hernandez

HA! That's great! Miguel, I was just about to decide I was too busy this week to do a letters page, but your Iron Son changed my mind. It was the mustache. It's a great mustache. The best mustache.

Dear wonderful IRON MAN team,

I'm a new comic book reader (finally fulfilling my middle school dream of being into comics) and I am so glad that some of my first exposure to modern comics is through Bendis' IRON MAN. Seriously, this is great. I was sold from panel one, page one, book one, and it's been consistently wonderful. Friday is the best, having MJ here is great, Rhodey (weeps) is hilarious (Cap boxers ftw), and Dr. Amara is a lovely idea.

While I could sing your praises all day (I didn't even get to Doom and Tony, a combo I am LOVING for all the reasons), I do want to say that I am abundantly curious about Riri Williams (who is awesome). The rumors flying around the internet are both intriguing and "whaaaaAAAT?"-inducing. As in, "Whaaaat do you mean that Tony won't be Iron Man?" and "Whaaaat?? Does that mean he's gonna die??" Mr. Bendis, please don't kill him! I will trust the direction you take (even if you kill one of my top three all-time favorite characters), but I'd be really curious to watch Tony be a mentor, a "normal" businessman, in a stable, healthy relationship (is that possible??), and even work professionally with Doom (seriously--more Doom please!).

Anyway, thank you for some wonderful issues and awesome characters! Cheers!

Sammy Rey

SAMMMAYYYYY! Unfortunately, I can't tell you what the deal is with Tony just yet, but I

can show you the SICK NEW ARMOR DESIGN that Riri will be rocking in Marvel NOW!'s INVINCIBLE IRON MAN #1 pretty soon. Check it out!



And if you want more Doom, be sure to check out INFAMOUS IRON MAN #1 as well--he's got a suit of his own, too!



In the Marvel NOW! book I got at my book store, I learned you are going to replace Tony Stark with a girl who reverse-engineered a suit from Tony's tech. So she is smart, but not smart enough to really create on her own. We are told that Mr. Bendis has had her "in his pocket" for a long time--wonder how long that has been? Since he has been writing for Marvel for a while, why hasn't he done his forward-thinking storytelling before now? Seems he is only interested in forward-thinking when that is what the company wants. If this is truly what he wanted, why didn't he do it independently or at another company that might have been open to it? One last question, how much does Mr. Bendis know about what a teenage African-American girl feels and thinks?

Paul Moylan

Riri's creation was all Brian--but you don't have to take my word for it. Here's an excerpt from Brian's Tumblr addressing these same questions:

"As far as Riri, it wasn't like Marvel had

a character they cooked up in the diversity machine and it was me and a woman of color up for the gig and they shoved her aside to hand it to me. I know some want that to be the narrative but it ain't.

I created the character. I brought it to the book. No one asked me to. No one told me to. I did it all on my own. Soon after, in development, I discovered what her potential was and Marvel liked where I was going with it. In came @mikedeadatojr to breathe life into her.

Exactly how it went for me with Miles, Jessica Jones, Maria Hill...and so many others.

But I am not a person of color. I never will be. Nor am I a blind Catholic lawyer from Hell's Kitchen, nor have I been bitten by any spider, let alone a radioactive one. I am not a raccoon-like creature with bad grammar and a rocket pack, and I never was a homicide detective that used to be an immortal super hero.

But I am a writer.

Writers write stuff. All kinds of stuff. And if I was a person of color, it would still be the same job. I would write all kinds of characters. All kinds of flavors and tones and perspectives. I write to discover things outside my perspective. Every writer does.

So I write books I would like to read, books I would be proud to show people, books that hopefully better reflect the world around us than the previous generations of creators were able to do at the time.

That is what I can do and I am doing it with every fiber of my being.

And I'm doing it while being called racist to white people and black people. I'm doing too much and not enough at the same time. I am doing it with my face being plastered all over white supremacists hate sites.

Maybe I'll write about that too."

Dear Marvel team,

I have been reading your comics since I was about seven years old, and I'm 33 now. I've never really written in despite always being in love with your stories and your characters. With the events of the week and so many police brutality events going on, I couldn't help but feel that there was an opportunity for you. Riri taking over as Iron Man is phenomenal because it gives young people in a minority a strong character that the world is aware of. I think that a tasteful story about how she reacts to this news could do to help with calming the fear and hysteria that is currently going on via social media. I know you guys know what you're doing and someone has probably already thought of it, but just in the off chance that it hasn't been brought up I wanted to start the discussion. So please, take this chance to tell all those children reading your books that even though it was a sad and terrible situation, they are safe. There will always be real heroes like Riri to represent that every child deserves to feel safe no matter what gender, race or background. Thank you, and as always...Make Mine Marvel.

Kyle Smith

Hey Kyle! I couldn't agree with you more. Every child deserves to feel safe--as well as powerful and heroic. I hope that, even in some small way, we can help spread this message with Riri. Thanks for writing in!

I'll be back next month to answer the other gajillion lovely letters you sent in, but in the meantime, keep sending them! They help me procrastinate and avoid real responsibilities. Enable me, already!

**Until next time,
-The Invincible Alanna Smith**

NEXT ISSUE:



THE END OF IRON MAN?